

(b) whether IIT, Delhi has entrusted the job to a relatively junior Faculty member; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and steps taken by the Government to uplift the standard of handling consultancy projects by IIT, Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) No project on Construction Engineering has been awarded to Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi by Central Soil and Materials Research Station, Delhi. However, the Indian National Committee for Construction Materials and structures (Ministry of Water Resources) has awarded a research project on Micro-structure Modelling of Pozzolanic Construction Materials in May 1996. Dr. B. Bhattacharjee, Associate Professor who has been instrumental in setting up the Building Materials Lab in Civil Engineering Department is the principal investigator.

Family Welfare Programmes

2252. SHRI MANIBHAI RAMJIBHAI CHAUDHARI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the progress made in family welfare programme is upto the mark in the country;

(b) if not, whether the Government proposal to take any steps in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) As a result of implementation of the Family Welfare Programme, the birth rate has declined from 41.7 per thousand population over the decade 1951-61 to 28.3 in 1995. The total Fertility Rate has declined from 5.97 over 1951-61 to 3.5 in 1993. The infant Mortality Rate has declined from 146 over 1951-61 to 74 per thousand live births in 1995. It is estimated that as a result of the Family Welfare Programme 197-39 million births have been averted upto March, 1996.

(b) and (c) The current focus of the Programme is on decentralisation and improvement in the quality of services. The system of setting contraceptive targets from the top has replaced by decentralised planning of services at the level of Primary Health Centre.

Funds for Boat Jetties

2253. SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any existing scheme for providing funds for modernising and maintaining the boat jetties;

(b) if so, the funds allotted to Kerala for the above purpose during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government propose to undertake the developmental activities of any jetties in the National Waterway in Kerala; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Funds allotted to Kerala for implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes during the last three years are as under :—

	(Rs. in crores)
1993-94	0.50
1994-95	0.02
1995-96	0.33

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Development of jetties/terminals at 12 locations viz. Kottapuram, Kochi, Ernakulam, Aluva, Kakkanadu, Vaikom, Cherthala, Alappuzha, Thirukkunnapuzha, Kayamkulam, Chavara and Kollam on National Waterway in Kerala is proposed to be undertaken during 9th plan period.

Funds for Education to Minority Communities

2254. SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have recently received a Memorandum from dignitaries of the Minority Communities on plan allocation for educational development of the educationally backward and deprived Minority communities;

(b) if so, the main suggestions made in the Memorandum; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Main suggestions made in the memorandum are :

(i) Establishment of schools under the Area Intensive Scheme of development of minority institutions and modernisation of Madarsa Education. As Special case and in relaxation of normal rules, the requirement of recommendations of the State Governments could be dispensed with and the schemes could be transferred to some NGOs.

(ii) Establishment of Urdu University.

- (iii) Presentation of Bill in the Parliament to elaborate the scope and procedure for recognition of Muslim Educational Institutions.
- (iv) Right of minority institutions specially in regard to the reservation of seats be decided as per settled law.
- (v) Setting up of 8 Central Government supported residential schools at Patna, Darbhanga, Ranchi/Hazaribagh, Bhagalpur/Godda, Siwan/Chapra, Kishanganj/Purnea, Biharsharif/Gaya and Arrah.

(c) Item at serial No. (iv) is subjudice. Action has been initiated to examine other issues.

[English]

Recruitment in Defence Forces from Karnataka

2255. SHRI VIJAY SANKESHWAR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

- (a) the details of recruitment made in the three wings of the Defence forces from Karnataka in the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether the total number of such recruitment in Karnataka is less as compared to the other States;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) The total number of recruitment centres in Karnataka, their locations and the number of centres in which the recruitment was done during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : Details of recruitment made in three wings of Defence Forces from Karnataka during the last three years are given below :—

ARMY

Year	Intake
1993-94	1517
1994-95	2259
1995-96	2712

NAVY

Year	Intake
1994	63
1995	23
1996	39

AIR FORCE

Year	Intake
1993-94	63
1994-95	63
1995-96	76

(b) and (c) In the case of Army, recruitment is done in proportion to the Recruitable Male Population (RMP) of Karnataka as in the case of the rest of the country. However, the total intake from Karnataka is less than demand as per the RMP.

In the case of Navy, the number of sailors recruited from a particular state depend upon the number of eligible applicants who are able to qualify in the written test, physical fitness test and medical examination.

In the case of Air Force, the recruitment of Airmen is done on All India Merit basis.

(d) Details of recruitment centres are given below :—

ARMY

Recruiting Office (HQ), Bangalore
 Branch Recruiting Office, Bangalore
 Branch Recruiting Office, Mangalore
 Madras Engineering Group & Centres, Bangalore
 Parachute Regimental Training Centre, Belgaum
 Maratha LI Regimental Centre, Belgaum
 ASC Centre (South), Bangalore
 ASC (MT), Bangalore
 CMP Centre & School, Bangalore
 Pioneer Corps Training Wing, Bangalore

Over and above, recruitment from Karnataka is also carried out by other training centres for all India, all class vacancies as per their RMP percentage authorisation and class composition of the Regiments/ Corps.

NAVY

Naval Recruitment Centre, Bangalore

AIR FORCE

Airmen Selection Centre, Bangalore

U.S. Visa Rules

2256. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "New US law worries India" appearing in "The Times of India" dated February 20, 1997;

(b) if so, whether the US administration propose to enforce strict visa rules resulting in exodus of hundreds of Indians from there;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to check extra exodus of Indians from United States of America?